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Madhavan Pisharodi

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Titled: **ROTATING, LOCKING
INTERVERTEBRAL DISK
STABILIZER AND
APPLICATOR**

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Page 1, line 6 (referring to the line numbers as set out in the left-hand margin of the page), before "continuation-in-part" insert ~~continuation-in-part of co-pending~~ application Serial No. 08/900,174, filed July 25, 1997 and entitled ROTATING, LOCKING INTERVERTEBRAL DISK STABILIZER AND APPLICATOR, now issued as Patent No. 5,893,890. Serial No. 08/900,174 was itself a--.

Page 1, line 8 (also referring to the line numbers in the left-hand margin), after "(as amended)" and before the period, insert --now issued as Patent No. 5,658,336--.